



## Questions & Answers

### BayREN Decarbonization Showcase Application Webinar

**Q1: Would an electric panel with aging circuits be eligible for funding?**

- A1: If upgrading the electric panel is necessary to achieve full decarbonization of the facility, it would be eligible for BayREN gap funding.

**Q2: Can electric resistance water heaters be replaced with heat pump water heaters (HPWH) under this program?**

- A2: The replacement of electric resistance water heaters with HPWHs may be included in the program but should be accompanied with other electrification measures. However, projects that replace gas equipment with electric alternatives will be prioritized for BayREN gap funding.

**Q3: Is there a limit to the number of projects a jurisdiction can apply for?**

- A3: There is no limit on the number of projects a jurisdiction can submit. However, each facility or property requires a separate application. BayREN encourages applicants to prioritize their efforts by focusing on projects that best align with their decarbonization goals, meet the technical requirements, and can be implemented within the next several years. But

**Q4: For jurisdictions with facilities not located in equity priority communities, are individual equity attributes considered for scoring?**

- A4: Yes. Applicants should highlight relevant equity attributes in their project applications. Points will be awarded based on the percentage of populations meeting demographic factors outlined in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) [Equity Priority Communities framework](#). Facilities not physically located in Equity Priority Communities should emphasize how they will benefit these communities, supported by descriptive details and data.

**Q5: Does the program require an ASHRAE Level 2 energy audit?**

- A5: No, while the energy assessment will be detailed, it will not include all ASHRAE Level 2 requirements. Some ASHRAE elements are not necessary for this program.

**Q6: What is the deadline for project completion or installation?**

- A6: There is no strict deadline, as local government construction projects take time. However, the program prioritizes projects that can be implemented within the next 2-5 years. The focus of the program is on actual implementation, rather than prolonged planning phases.



**Q7: Can battery storage or electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure be included in the project for resiliency?**

- A7: BayREN cannot provide direct gap funding for renewable energy, battery storage, or EV infrastructure. However, BayREN can provide technical assistance and help to identify other funding sources, when possible, if these measures are included in the project scope.

**Q8: Is solar/storage completely ineligible for funding?**

- A8: Solar and storage can be included in technical assistance and design, but BayREN gap funding cannot be allocated to these measures.

**Q9: Will projects under \$100,000 be considered?**

- A9: Yes, all project applications, regardless of cost, are encouraged.

**Q10: Do you have a rough order of magnitude (ROM) estimate for the value of BayREN's technical assistance?**

- A10: On average, BayREN expects the cost of technical assistance for developing the list of recommended measures for each project to be approximately \$20,000. This includes an energy usage analysis for the facility, an on-site energy assessment, estimated savings calculations, a project work plan, and a budget. The value of additional technical assistance through implementation will vary widely based on project scope.